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In re the Application of: **Hidehiko FUNAOKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No.: 09/806,309

Examiner: **Victor S. Chang**

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For: **MICROPOROUS POLYOLEFIN MEMBRANE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 24, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 24, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 & 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.